



Main Street Monday!

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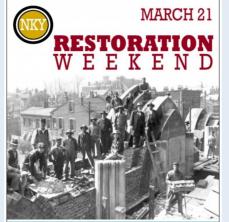
WOW. just WOW is all I can say about this past week's weather. It did make for some beautiful photographs. Mother Nature loves Main Street as she allowed us one great week in between the storms to enjoy each other and have a wonderful conference. It was great to see everyone!! We were able to attend Preservation Advocacy Days in DC where we meet with several national leaders from KY as well as a few staffers to advocate for preservation in the state as well as for Main Street! We also got to catch up with former Kentucky preservation leaders and meet many new people in our field.



Happenings Around the State



Training Opportunities



Sat. March 21, 2015 9am - 5pm Gateway Urban Campus, 525 Scott Blvd. Covington, KY

If you need further information about NKY please contact Jody Robinson



Toot Your Horn!

director! Beverly and her board have some wonderful ideas for their little town. Congrats to Beverly!

NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

This is a repeat, but wanted to leave it since you may not have had the chance to check it out.



Main St. Clean Sweep is a Central Kentucky effort, led by Bluegrass Greensource, to clean-up city centers and prominent roadways. We encourage businesses across our 19 county region to send out employees and recruit volunteers to pick up litter on Earth Day. Wednesday, April 22, 2015 Bluegrass Greensource can provide bags, gloves, safety vests, and litter grabbers for participating cities. Go to this web-site, scroll down to April 22nd and register your community. http:// www.bggreensource.org/whats-happening/ events/

This is a great opportunity to get people in the downtown and volunteering. You receive all the supplies you need from Bluegrass Greensource (formerly Bluegrass PRIDE). It is also great PR for you Main Street program and you will find other opportunities listed on their web-site. They will even do rainbarrel and rain garden workshops. Please let us know if your community is participating and we'll help spread the word!

Grant Seeking Success

Grant Seeking Success! The FREE workshop is sponsored by The Center for Rural Development and is targeted for local leaders, board members and staff of nonprofit organizations, community volunteers, and others interested in learning more about grant seeking. fundraising, grants, and/or partnerships.

Thursday March 12, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM **EDTThe Center for Rural Development** 2292 South Highway 27 Somerset, Kentucky For more info Contact Patti Simpson Center for Rural Development 606-677-6000 psimpson@centertech.com



Apply today to be a 2015-16 Host Community in the Appalachian Transition Fellowship!

The deadline for initial host community applications has been extended to March 15 to respond to applicant requests due to extreme weather throughout the region. Host applicants will be notified of advancement as finalists by March 18. The deadline for final host applications is extended to April 13 for those who advance to the second round. Please share this information with your networks and apply today to join this exciting program to advance a just, sustainable economy in Appalachia. For more information about host community roles and responsibilities, go here for additional information http://www.appfellows.org/communities/

The deadline for <u>fellow applications</u> http://www.appfellows.org/apply-to-be-a-host/ is still April 10. For more information about fellowship opportunities, go to http://www.appfellows.org/what-is-a-fellow/

The Appalachian Transition Fellowship is a year-long, full-time, paid program designed for 15 emerging community leaders who are committed to working in Central Appalachia for the economic transition of the region. Central Appalachia is defined as West Virginia, Southwest Virginia, Eastern Kentucky, Eastern Tennessee, Appalachian Ohio and Western North Carolina.

This program offers the opportunity to spend a year working within host communities to help foster cross -sector (education, nonprofit, for-profit, philanthropy, and government) partnerships, provide needed capacity to regional efforts, and build personal and professional skills. Through institutional placements, independently designed projects, training, and mentoring, the program gives emerging leaders and host organizations skills and networks needed to advance economic and social change in the region.

Central Appalachia is engaged in a period of economic transition. While the decline of previously stable industries such as coal and manufacturing bring significant economic instability, it also offers Appalachia the opportunity to focus on the long-term well-being of its people and its communities. This economic transition allows regionally-based industries to prosper while also protecting and supporting the environmental and social well-being of the region. The Appalachian Transition Fellowship (AppFellows) seeks to increase the connectivity and capacity of Appalachian institutions and leaders while building a collective analysis and seeding projects to change the systemic problems in our region, leading to a just and sustainable Appalachian economy.



Some pictures from the conference



Sam Burgess, Carrollton MS Director, took directors on a tour of his community. Carrollton is uniquely located at the confluence of the Kentucky and Ohio Rivers.



After an afternoon tour of Madison, Indiana (one of the first 3 pilot Main Street communities in the nation) several directors gathered for dinner with Madison director Whitney Wyatt, who is a KY native.

Seated around the table from left to right: Molly Barnett-London, Jamie Boler-Scottsville, Steve Walton-Paris, Samantha Brady-Bardstown, Anthony Cadle-Dayton, Whitney Wyatt-Madison, Emily Ammerman-Cynthiana, Megan Funk-Georgetown, and Jacob Roan-Pineville.

It's exciting to have so many young people involved with Main Street!

If you didn't fill out an conference evaluation please send your thoughts, comments, etc. to KYMS to assist in planning of future conferences. Our thoughts are with those who could not attend due to the weather.



Participants listen to a presentation by Amanda LeVerve from the Environmental Education Specialist/Training Coordinator at Kentucky Division of Compliance Assistance.

Amanda also works with the Brownsfield program.



Conferences are a great time to network and make new friends! Debbie Buckley-Ft. Thomas and Steve Walton-Paris smile for the camera.



Jody Robinson, Bellevue and Vicki Birenberg, KHC, share information about STRONGTOWNS for our fall conference!



And the snow continued to fall!





Georgetown



Frankfort

Just a few stolen scenes from around the area. Frankfort photos from KHC staff – Mike Radeke and Jen Spangler Williamson

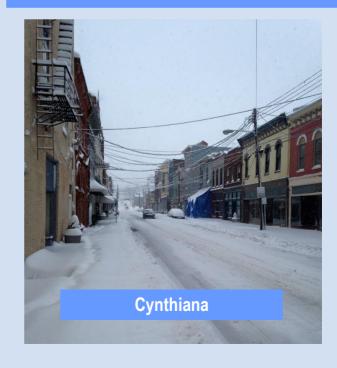


Hang on Spring is just around the corner!!!





The Heritage Council glove/mitten fence.





Tonya Coleman-Nicholasville



Where are you from and where do you live now? I am from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

I split my time between two communities, Nicholasville and Falmouth. I have the best of both worlds, City and Country. My husband lives full time in Falmouth on the family Farm. From spring to fall it is the most wonderful place on Earth. The City holds one dear place – Hobby Lobby. (Don't hate me Main Streeters!)

How long have you been a Coordinator? December 2007

How did you get involved with the Main Street movement? I became involved in the Main Street movement when Governor Patton introduced Renaissance Kentucky. At that time, I was the Cynthiana-Harrison County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. The Mayor requested the Chamber to seek Renaissance status. I prepared the documents to obtain the Silver Level.

Which of the Four Points is your favorite? Promotions

What project is consuming most of your time right now? Our Annual Breakfast Meeting, the Kentucky Wine and Vine Festival. And the never ending Historic District Overlay and Design Ordinance.

Do you have any favorite activities or hobbies? Hove to Craft and Read.

What is your favorite author or book? My favorite book is Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver

What is your favorite movie? Mclintock

What is your favorite song or band? Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, it is so hard to pick just one Bruce song but I love the E Street Shuffle.

What is your favorite sports team? #BBN--UK Wildcats, #Team24JeffGordon and #18Manning, Peyton Manning (presently makes me a Denver Broncos fan)

Which actor/actress would you choose to play you in a movie? Drew Barrymore

Name something you can't live without. – My awesome husband, Coca-Cola and Chocolate

If you had an alternative career, what would it be? Breeder and trainer for the Wounded Warrior Canine Project

What's the most adventurous thing you've done recently? The most adventurous thing I've done recently is assist my husband in running for political office. We were not successful, but in politics the smartest and best candidate doesn't win.

If you won \$20 million in the lottery, what would you do with it? 1) Housing for family 2) Educations for my nephews and nieces 3) 1966 Candy Apple Red Mustang 4) Scholarship Foundation for Berea College Nursing or Education Students 5) Create Foundation/grant pool for Entrepreneurs for Downtown Development 6) Spade and Neuter Programs

Somewhere you would like to visit. Normandy

Fun facts? Hidden talents? Love to plan parties for family, friends and volunteers. Give me a theme and I am your expert!

Something no one in Main Street knows about you Don't get offended if I don't shake your hand. Most of you think I am not sociable because I usually do not participate in evening activities. Actually, I use to be the life of the party!! Six years ago my life changed forever with Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA). RA is an autoimmune disease in which your body's immune system—which protects your health by attacking foreign substances like bacteria and viruses—mistakenly attacks your joints. The severity of the disease varies from person to person. I suffer from pain, fatigue and warm swollen joints. It is different from day to day. I am doing well. I have learned to pace myself. I try to get plenty of rest and avoid stress. Winter is the worse season. I hate cold weather and try to avoid sick people.

I didn't give this answer for you to feel sorry for me. Just a reminder that you just don't know what others are dealing with on a day to day basis. Be kind to your fellow human!